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THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS—HOW TO ENCOURAGE INTEREST IN THEM.

The Greenville News, in order to stimulate greater interest in the school work of that city, has proffered its columns for the publication of articles written by the teachers of the Greenville schools "on matters pertaining to school and home." To be discussed are such topics as The Pupil's Home Work, Playground and Street Regulations, The Midday Lunch, Visiting and Visitors, Room Adornment, Duties and Responsibilities of a Principal, School Rules, The Rainy Day at School, Care of School Property, School Entertainments, Their Use and Abuse, etc.

Being most favorably impressed with the idea of the Greenville News along this line, we have concluded to tender the use of the columns of this newspaper to the teachers of Lancaster for a similar purpose—not only to the teachers of the town but to those of the county as well.

As our esteemed Greenville contemporary remarks, taken altogether the educational interests of a community "are of greater magnitude and touch more people more closely than any other one interest." We believe that the publication of a series of articles on the subjects suggested, or on kindred subjects, will greatly advance the cause of education in Lancaster, both town and county, and we therefore appeal to the teachers to furnish us with the "copy." Of course contributions from patrons and others interested in educational work will also be given space. Let the good work begin at once.

A WARNING FROM TEXAS.

According to the News and Courier, a Spartanburg man, Mr. A. B. Coggins, who is described as "an intelligent young farmer," is quoted as saying that Texas, in which state he has been living for the past three years, expects to produce four million bales of cotton this year—by far the largest crop within its history. Mr. Coggins states that "the fall was too wet to sow wheat, and it has been

too wet all the spring to sow oats, and everything will be planted in cotton."

If Texas plants "everything" in cotton, or anything like "everything," and the seasons prove propitious, there is no telling how low down the scale the price of the staple will run next fall. It might be well for the farmers of this country to prepare for such a disastrous contingency by adopting the plan of diversification no strongly urged by the cotton association.

THE MORRISON CASE AND YORK COUNTY.

The Yorkville Enquirer this week thus comments on Judge Gage's decision in the Morrison case and on the prospective trial of the cause in York county:

In ordering the removal of the case of Castles vs. Lancaster to York, Judge Gage has no doubt acted on his own best judgment as to what is just and proper. The attorneys for the defendant, as is their right and duty have appealed the matter to the supreme court, and what the supreme court will say remains to be seen. If, however, Judge Gage is upheld, then we desire the people of York county to appreciate that a high responsibility will devolve upon them. There is no doubt of the fact that the lynching of Morrison was a serious crime, and one that should be punished, but it is also well to remember that punishment for crime should only be applied to the guilty. Lancaster county did not commit this crime. As to whether Lancaster county should be held guilty will depend, in the first place, on whether the crime was actually committed within the county limits, and in the second place as to whether the officials of the county did all that it was possible for them to do to prevent the crime. There are other considerations, also of course; but the main thing we would have our people consider is the matter of trying to dispense absolute justice in accordance with the law and the evidence, and regardless of any prejudice whatever. We do not pretend to say whether or not the plaintiff should have a verdict or in what amount, and this is something no one should attempt to do until after there has been a full and complete exposition of the law and the evidence. After the trial, if there is a trial, we hope that the verdict will be one that will commend itself to every fair minded man as being just, and if this be the case there need be no concern as to whether that verdict be for the plaintiff or the defendant.

The News on behalf of Lancaster county thanks the Enquirer for its broad and liberal presentation of the situation before its readers. Lancaster could not with reason ask more than "absolute justice in accordance with the law and the evidence, regardless of any prejudice whatever."

Lancaster's appeal from the order of court transferring the Morrison case to York county for trial does not mean that this county is afraid of a York county jury; not at all. Lancaster has every confidence in the intelligence, the fairness and the impartiality of the men who compose the juries in its sister county of the White Rose—men who are proverbial for doing their full duty, whether in the halls of justice, on the field of battle or in the ordinary relations of life.

There is no county in the state that the people of Lancaster would turn to more quickly for justice than old York. It will be recalled that years ago York reposed a similar confidence in Lancaster—in a case, too, in which a human life was at stake.

No, Lancaster has no apprehension whatever as to its inability to get a fair trial in York, but what it objects to is the transfer of the Morrison case at all, to any county. It believes that its own citizenship is fully capable of rising above any possible prejudice incident to or growing out of that unfortunate lynching and of doing exact justice to the claimants in this suit. It is satisfied, in other words, that a fair and impartial trial could be had in its own county, and it naturally regards, therefore, the proposed change of venue as a reflection on the people of Lancaster. Hence, as might have been expected, when Judge Gage based his decision granting the motion of plaintiffs for the removal of the cause for hearing to another county on a ground which the counsel for Lancaster do not believe can be legally sustained, they promptly decided to carry the question before the Supreme Court of the State.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

Dr. J. B. Mack, who has been a resident of Fort Mill for 25 years, has accepted a call, it is stated, to the College Park Presbyterian church, of the vicinity of Atlanta.

Commissioner of Immigration Watson has declined the offer of \$3000 a year to become secretary of the Augusta, Ga., chamber of commerce. His salary as commissioner is only \$1900.

E. Spencer Blackburn, Republican congressman from the 8th district of North Carolina, has been indicted in the federal courts on the charge of practicing as attorney before the departments in Washington.

Dubois Sellers, a 16-year-old boy, was run over and killed by a train at Dillon, Wednesday night.

President Roosevelt declined day before yesterday to apologize for the recent ejection from the White house of Mrs. Morris, as demanded that he should do by Dr. Minor Morris, the woman's husband. The President says he investigated the matter and found that the ejection was justifiable.

A negro named Pedigree was shot to death at Andalusia, Ala., this week, for assaulting a white woman, Mrs. J. L. Bay. A white man named Cox has since been arrested on suspicion of being an accessory to the assault.

Joseph Schultz and A. J. Beckwith, two of the parties arrested in Columbia during fair week, charged with being pickpockets, were tried and convicted in that city Wednesday. They were sentenced to the penitentiary for 10 years. G. W. Millar, of Chicago, a friend of the convicted men, was placed in jail Wednesday for attempting to

bribe, with \$200., Deputy Sheriff Cathcart to aid in their release, it is alleged.

By a vote of 63 to 4 the U. S. Senator has passed the pure food bill. The subject has been under consideration a number of years.

Gen. Charles H. Grosvenor, of Ohio, who has been a member of Congress for 20 years, has been defeated for renomination.

Freeman Hudson, a white man, fell from a train at Gaffney this week and was seriously injured. He was following his wife, who, it is said, was running off with another man.

Mr. Ransom Barnes, a citizen of Lee county, was shot, probably fatally, while sitting by the fire in his house, Wednesday night. A negro has been arrested on suspicion.

R. A. Windham, a respectable merchant of Lamar, has been arrested on the charge of stabbing to death Charles Amer-son in that town recently, an account of which was published in The News at the time.

Mr. M. C. Riser, of the Fort Lawn school, was elected president of the Chester county teachers' association, organized a few days ago.

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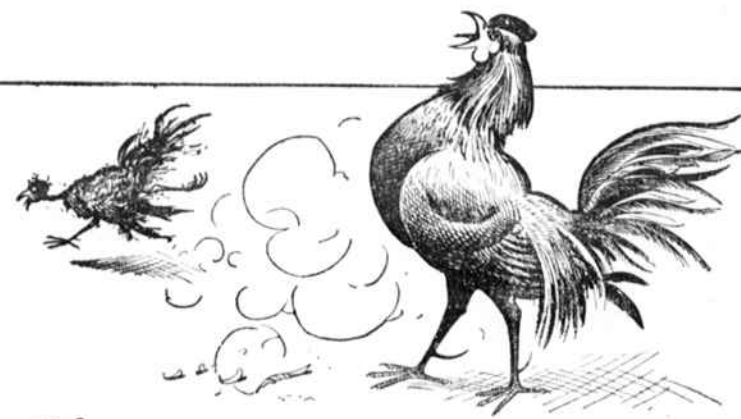
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